

HB 1963 -- Closed Primary Election System

Sponsor: Parkinson

This bill establishes a closed primary system by requiring a voter to be registered as a member of a political party in order to vote that party's ballot in all primary elections held after January 1, 2013. A voter may change his or her party affiliation before the deadline for registration for the election by providing written notice as specified under Section 115.166, RSMo. Anyone attempting to vote or voting a primary election ballot of a political party other than that for which the person's designated party qualifies him or her to vote in a primary election will be guilty of a class four election offense.